

Bill Nunn, 63, actor in Spike Lee films



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NEW YORK — Bill Nunn, a veteran character actor whose credits ranged from the “Spider-Man” movie franchise to such Spike Lee films as “Do the Right Thing” and “He Got Game,” has died.

His wife, Donna, said Mr. Nunn died Saturday at his home in Pittsburgh. He was 63 and had been battling cancer.

A longtime Pittsburgh resident and graduate of Morehouse College, Lee's alma mater, Mr. Nunn broke through in movies in the late 1980s, first in Lee's "School Daze," then in the Oscar-nominated "Do the Right Thing," as the ill-fated Radio Raheem, who dies when choked by police during a street brawl in Brooklyn.

"Radio Raheem is now resting in power," Lee wrote on Instagram, also calling Mr. Nunn "My Dear Friend" and "My Dear Morehouse Brother."

"Radio Raheem will always be fighting da powers dat be. May God watch over Bill Nunn."

Mr. Nunn, who stood well over 6 feet tall, went on to appear in dozens of films and TV programs, including "New Jack City," Sam Raimi's "Spider-Man" trilogy, and "Sirens."

Mr. Nunn was the son of a prominent Pittsburgh Steelers scout, also named Bill



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